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In re Application of George E. Fox,)
Richard C. Willson III and Zhengdong Zhang)
Serial No.: 10/057,270)
Filed: 26 Jan 2002)
For: ...Methods for Determining the Genetic)
Affinity of Microorganisms and viruses)
Examiner Jason)
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Group 1631)
Priority: 26 Jan 2001, USSN 60/254,403)
Attorney Docket: 010AUS)
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AFTER INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the interview kindly granted 6 March 2009 by
Examiner Sims, consideration of the following Amendments and Remarks is
solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this
document has been filed via fax to 571-272-8400
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CFR 1.10).

No additional fee is believed due because withdrawn claims
were cancelled to avoid additional fees with right reserved to
refile these claims in the future. The Claims now number 20
including 2 independent claims.

INTERVIEW

The 6 March 2009 telephone interview with the Examiner
covered: A. Why claims 25 and 32-34 and 36-38 are considered

withdrawn, [because these Claims are deemed to fall within the nonelected Claims];

B. Obviating the 36 USC 112 objections [wording was reviewed and most of the changes made herein were discussed]; and

C. Reviewing how the amended claims differentiate from the Ebersole, [as discussed more fully in Applicants' Remarks filed February 17, 2009].

The inventors Fox and Willson III and the undersigned Attorney were present and appreciated Examiner Sims' expert comments.

Several further amendments were agreed and these are bold-faced in the enclosed substitute Amendments to Claims section which shows all changes to the Claims as filed 15 August 2008.